

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
Washington, DC 20250

Notice LD-574

For: State and County Offices

**Relief for FY 2007 Selection of Milk Income Loss
Contract Extension (MILCX) Production Start Month**

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 FY2007 Relief for MILCX Production Start Month

A Background

The initial signup phase for MILCX began March 13, 2006. During the initial signup phase, County Offices were instructed to allow MILCX applicants to select a production start month for FY 2006 from any month in which there was a payment rate in effect beginning December 2005 through May 2006. The FY 2006 months of October and November 2005 were excluded because neither month had a payment rate in effect.

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- expanded selection of the production start month for FY 2006 to include the months of October and November 2005
- provided that:
 - a dairy operation could select the production start month for both FY 2006 and FY 2007 at the same time when MILCX was submitted
 - if a production start month for FY 2007 was not selected, then by perpetual designation the production start month for FY 2007 will be the production start month for FY 2006.

Because the selection of October and November were not an option at the time of signup when MILCX program was first announced, several applicants:

- selected December as their FY 2006 production start month
- did not change their FY 2007 production start month from December to October by September 14, 2006 according to Notice LD-570.

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July 1, 2007 10-27-06	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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1 FY2007 Relief for MILCX Production Start Month (Continued)

A Background (Continued)

Although the option to change their production start month was available, many producers assumed that their production start month for FY 2007 would begin with October 2006, which is the first month of FY 2007 with a payment rate in effect. Therefore, relief for these circumstances has been considered.

B Purpose

This notice informs State and County Offices that relief is authorized for eligible dairy operations to change their FY 2007 production start month selection from December to either of the following:

- October 2006
- November 2006.

C Relief Period

County Offices may accept FY 2007 production start month selection changes on CCC-580M, Part B according to 11-LD, paragraphs 46 and 47, beginning with the issuance of this notice, through **COB December 14, 2006**.

The relief provision is **only** authorized for FY 2007 changes from December 2006, to either October or November 2006. All other production start month changes **must** be made according to normal MILCX production start month change provisions provided at 11-LD, paragraph 30.

Note: The production start month change for this relief **must** be entered in eMILCX software **before** any payments on the MILCX have been issued for FY 2007.

D State Office Action

SED's and STC's shall:

- publicize the contents of this notice immediately
- provide guidance to County Office staff on the contents of this notice.

E County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- notify MILCX participants with a December FY 2007 start month of the contents of this notice
- accept CCC-580M's through **COB December 14, 2006**, for production start month changes according to subparagraph B
- forward questions about the contents of this notice through the State Office Specialist.